

The first meeting of the Virginia Solar Energy Development Authority (VSEDA) was held on December 3rd at the State Capitol. The group was welcomed by Governor Terry McAuliffe, who expressed his support and enthusiasm for growing a vibrant solar industry comparable to those in neighboring states.

So what is Virginia's Solar Energy Development Authority? It's a group of Virginians, appointed by the Governor, that will facilitate, coordinate and support the development of the solar energy industry. Some of the details include developing financial programs for solar projects, increasing solar generation at existing facilities, promoting the growth of solar energy and connecting public and private entities in solar partnerships.

The Authority was established by the Governor in 2015 legislation and will carry out some of the goals in the Virginia Energy Plan. DMME's Director, John Warren, serves as Director to the Authority, and DMME's Division of Energy serve as staff to the Authority. The Authority will meet again on January 29th.

The Governor's address to VSEDA can be viewed here:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=JQNZHxIjQ8Q>